

## **REMARKS**

The Notice of Allowance includes an Examiner's amendment to amend claim 44. Applicant has amended claim 44 herein to correct a typographical error in the version of claim 44 appearing in the Examiner's amendment section of the Notice of Allowance. This amendment is being filed after the mailing of the Notice of Allowance and before payment of the Issue Fee. No new matter has been introduced.

For the record, Applicant does not concede to or agree with the Examiner's characterization of *Bringby* and *Itoh* in the Notice of Allowance. Applicant does, however, agree that claims 25-27, 29-37, 39-45 and 47 are patentable in view of the prior art of record, including *Bringby* and *Itoh*.

## **CONCLUSION**

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